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SUBJECT: FURTHER BOURGUIBA COMMENTS ON NORTH AFRICAN UNITY

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1. FRENCH AND ARAB PRESS OF SEPT 12 CARRIED HIGHLIGHTS FROM
SEPT 11 BOURGUIBA INTERVIEW WITH EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF EGYPTIAN
MAGAZINE AL-MUSAWER. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, LOCAL ACCOUNTS
INDICATE THAT PRESIDENT: ISSUED HIS USUAL CALL ON ARAB STATES TO
EMPLOY "CARROT AND STICK" POLICY VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL; STATED THAT
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RESULTS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WERE POSITIVE FOR ARABS AND

PARTICULARLY FOR PALESTINIANS; COMMENTED ON POSITION OF THE GREAT POWERS IN NEAR EAST CRISIS AND SUPPORT OF U.S. FOR ISRAEL; DISCUSSED MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB WORLD AND EUROPE AND DESTOURIAN SOCIALISM.

2. ONLY SUBJECT WHICH LOCAL PRESS DEALS WITH IN EXTENSO RELATES TO UNITY (IN ARAB TEXT WAHDA IS USED) BETWEEN THE NORTH AFRICAN STATES, WHICH BOURGUIBA SAID MUST PROCEED BY STATES AND WHICH "WE HAVE AGREED UPON" (BY "WE" BOURGUIBA MUST MEAN HE AND OTHER NORTH AFRICAN LEADERS WHOM HE RECENTLY MET DURING ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE). BOURGUIBA CONTINUED THAT UNITY WOULD BE A UNITY BETWEEN INDEPENDENT STATES OF NORTH AFRICA WHICH WILL TRANSFORM ITSELF PROGRESSIVELY INTO A FEDERAL REGIME SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE USA. BOURGUIBA IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING SIMILAR UNITY COULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ARAB STATES OF MASHRAQ, EXPLAINING THAT THIS WOULD BE A LONG-TERM UNDERTAKING EXTENDING OVER SEVERAL GENERATIONS.

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